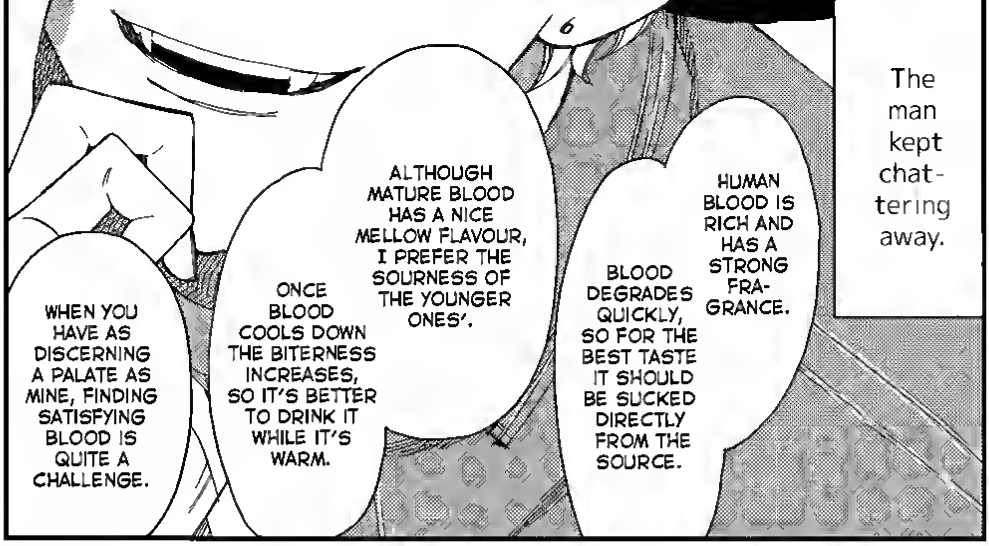
A vampire who calls himself a gourmet. The blood he's chosen has a *'special taste'*.


The man kept chattering away.
HUMAN BLOOD IS RICH AND HAS A STRONG FRAGRANCE.
BLOOD DEGRADES QUICKLY, SO FOR THE BEST TASTE IT SHOULD BE SUCKED DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE.
ALTHOUGH MATURE BLOOD HAS A NICE MELLOW FLAVOUR, I PREFER THE SOURNESS OF THE YOUNGER ONES'.
ONCE BLOOD COOLS DOWN THE BITERNESS INCREASES, SO IT'S BETTER TO DRINK IT WHILE IT'S WARM.
WHEN YOU HAVE AS DISCERNING A PALATE AS MINE, FINDING SATISFYING BLOOD IS QUITE A CHALLENGE.

A bite mark of relief and pleasure

BITTER RELEVÉ

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*The term ***relevé*** that we use for the title refers to the course in a formal French meal. Because 'Bad Dinner' for 悪食のディナー is just pitiful translation —TM

DO YOU SMELL SOMETHING SWEET IN HERE?
Good Idea
AND THAT'S HOW THINGS NORMALLY WORK
IT'S MAKING ME HUNGRY.
WANNA GO TO FRUIT PARLOUR AFTER THIS?
THAT GUY'S ALWAYS EATING FRUIT LATELY.
OOH IT'S KANJINA.
However, weirdos do exist in this world.
GEENA.
GEENA.

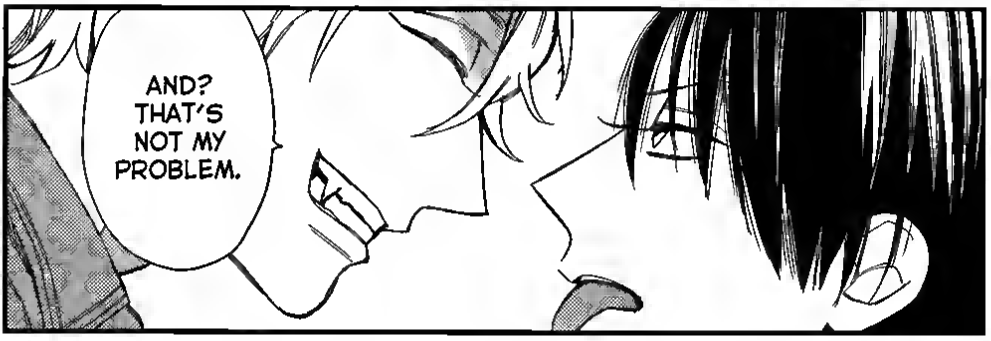
IT'S MEAL TIME.

...
TAKI.

WHAAT
BUT I'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK FOR THREE DAYS ALREADY.
DON'T ENTER THE BUILDING WHEN YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE SCHOOL!

Grab!
WOW, WHAT A PAS-SIONATE WEL-COME.

WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE ME!?
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER PEOPLE AROUND



Before I met Taki, I didn't know,

That though small in number,
there seem to be people in this world that survive by drinking blood.

These creatures, formerly known as vampires,
are now classified as a human subspecies
and walk with us on the path of coexistence.

... MAKE IT QUICK.
AAH, LOOKS YUMMYY.
BUT FIRST.
LET'S SPICE IT UP A BIT.

Ha
DON'T-
QUIT IT
ALREADY.
I'm still not used to the feeling of having my blood sucked.

NOMORE
STOP
GRAB
Their saliva contains an addictive pleasure substance.
AH
AH
I have to be careful.
GEENA.
MORE.

Taki says that hunger and carnal desire are directly linked.
Compared to the surreal aspect of having my blood sucked, having sex with a man is nothing.

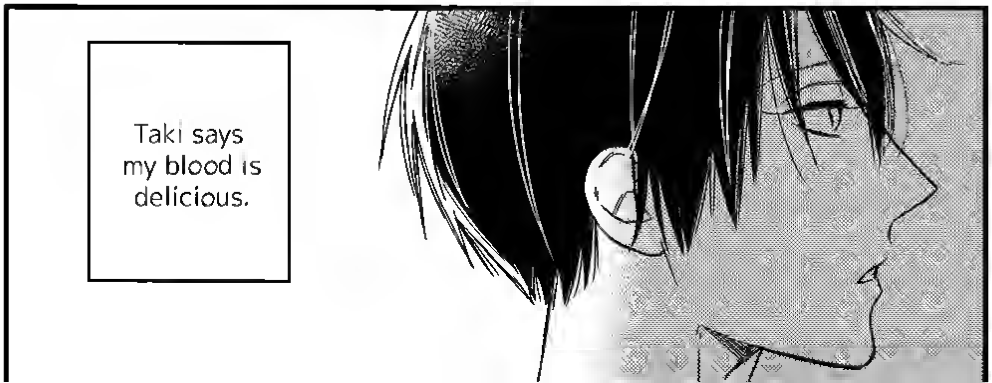
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.

HEY, YOU.
YOU'RE ONE OF *THOSE*, RIGHT?

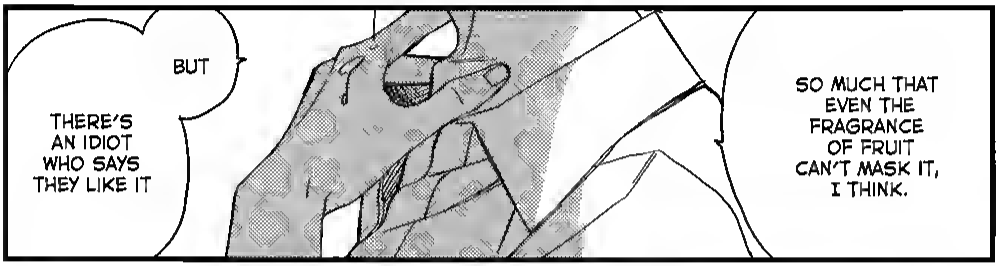
GOTTA LEAVE SOME SALIVA HERE SO YOU WON'T BE TAKEN BY OTHERS.
IF YOU'RE DONE THEN GO HOME ALREADY!

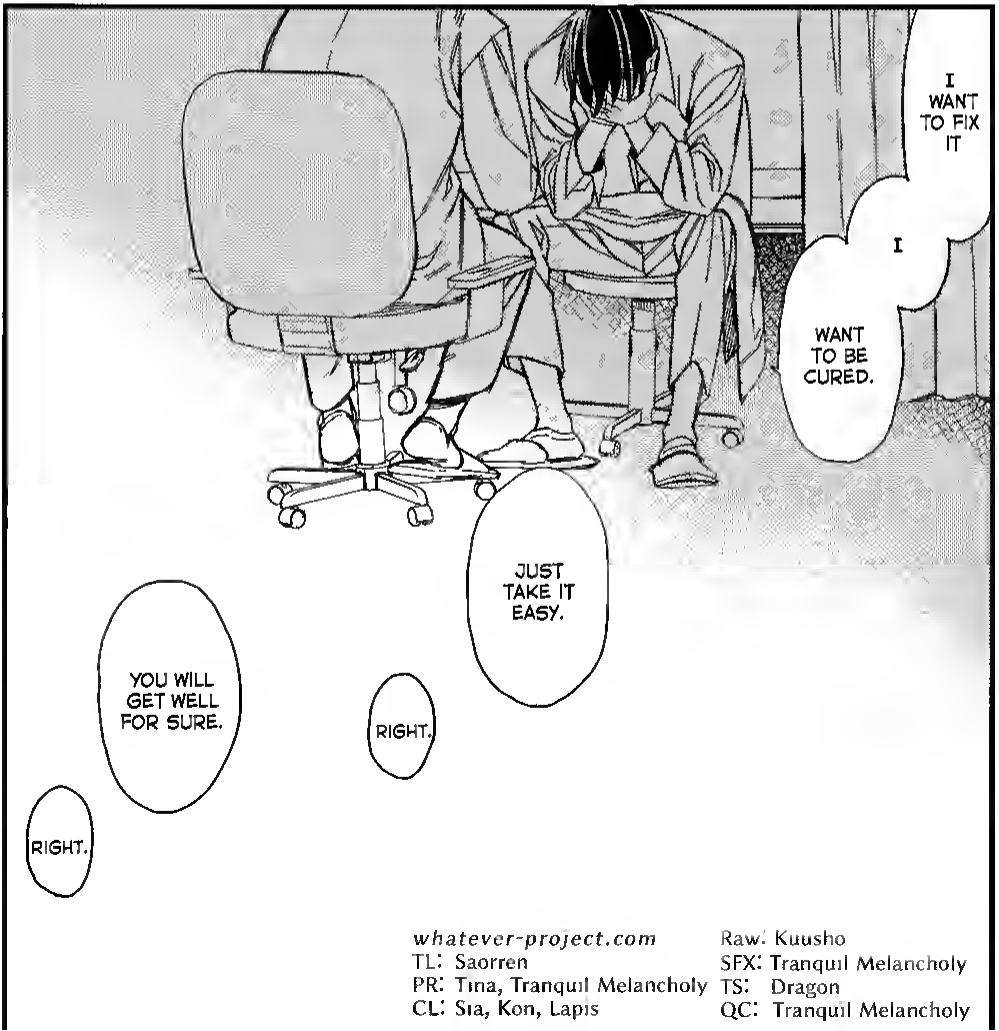
THEY JUST WANT THEIR BLOOD SUCKED 'CAUSE THEY'LL FEEL GOOD, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO DOES IT.
MAAN, I'M SO POPULAR, WHAT SHOULD I DO~?
DON'T YOU WANNA TRY SOME?
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT MY BLOOD IS QUITE DELICIOUS.
I CAN TELL.

I AM A GOURMET.
OTHER THAN GEENA'S, I DON'T NEED BLOOD FROM ANYONE ELSE.


Taki says my blood is delicious.

YES.
That he's never drunk any this tasty.
NEXT PA-TIENT
HOW IS YOUR CONDI-TION?
FAIRLY STABLE, I THINK.
HOW ABOUT SLEEP ?
I'VE BEEN SLEEPING WELL.
I SEE.
IN THAT CASE, SHALL WE TRY LOWERING THE DOSE?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN THAT CHANGED YOUR MIND?
LATELY YOU'VE BEEN COMING IN FOR REGULAR APPOINT-MENTS.
IT'S A GOOD TREND.





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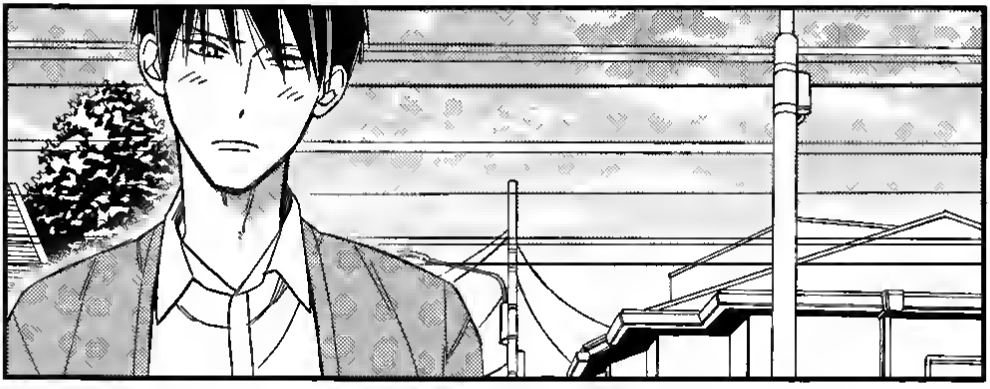

I SEE.
THEN LET ME DRINK YOUR BLOOD.
AGAIN?
NO CHANGE.
SAME AS ALWAYS.
HOW WAS IT?

AREN'T YOU MIS-TAKING THAT FOR POOR TASTE?

CUS I'M A GOURMET.

YOU CAN'T EAT ONLY FRUITS, YOU HAFTA EAT OTHER THINGS TOO!
DON'T BUY SOMETHING YOU CAN'T EAT.
MEAT BUN ?
CUS I WANTED TO TRY BUYING SOMETHING FROM THE CONVENIENT STORE.
Oh
HERE, FOR YOU, GEENA.
SILLY GEENA.
If hunger is directly linked to carnal desire,
YOU'RE THE SILLY ONE.
Then what lies beyond that?
END